

# Saskatchewan Consumer Price Index

July 2012

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According to Statistics Canada, the Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index decreased 0.2 percent between June 2012 and July 2012 while the Canada All-items Index declined 0.1 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index fell 0.1 percent and 0.2 percent, respectively, during the same period.

In Saskatchewan, the July All-items Index decreased from June 2012 primarily due to lower prices for purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles, inter-city transportation and women's clothing. Prices also fell for home entertainment equipment, parts and services, furniture, household textiles and non-alcoholic beverages.

Moderating these decreases were higher prices for cablevision and satellite services (including pay per view television), natural gas and men's clothing. Prices also rose for traveller accommodations, personal care supplies and equipment, fresh fruit and fresh vegetables.

The Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index advanced 1.7 percent between July 2011 and July 2012 while the Canada All-items Index increased 1.3 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index climbed 1.9 percent and 1.6 percent, respectively, during the same period.

The July All-items Index increased from July 2011 primarily due to higher prices for purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles, gasoline, passenger vehicle insurance premiums and passenger vehicle parts, maintenance and repairs. Prices also rose for rent, homeowners' replacement cost and mortgage interest cost.

These increases were partially offset by lower prices for women's clothing, home entertainment equipment, parts and services, natural gas and furniture. Prices also fell for recreational equipment and services (excluding recreational vehicles), prescribed medicines and fresh vegetables.

For more details, contact the Saskatchewan Bureau of Statistics at (306) 787-6327 or visit [www.stats.gov.sk.ca](http://www.stats.gov.sk.ca)

**ALL-ITEMS  
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX  
SASKATCHEWAN AND CANADA**

|   | Index            |                                  | Percent Change                             |  |
|---|------------------|----------------------------------|--|--|
|   | <u>July 2012</u> | <u>June 2012</u><br>(2002 = 100) | <u>June 2012</u><br>to<br><u>July 2012</u> | <u>July 2011</u><br>to<br><u>July 2012</u> |
| <b>SASKATCHEWAN</b>                     |                  |                                  |  |  |
| All-Items                               | 123.9            | 124.1                            | -0.2                                       | 1.7  |
| Food                                    | 132.2            | 131.7                            | 0.4  | 2.8  |
| Shelter                                 | 146.8            | 146.4                            | 0.3  | 2.0  |
| Household Operations<br>and Furnishings | 107.5            | 107.7                            | -0.2                                       | 0.9  |
| Clothing and Footwear                   | 93.8             | 94.7                             | -1.0                                       | -1.4                                       |
| Transportation                          | 118.3            | 119.6                            | -1.1                                       | 3.0  |
| Health and Personal Care                | 115.1            | 114.9                            | 0.2  | 1.7  |
| Recreation, Education<br>and Reading    | 107.4            | 106.9                            | 0.5  | 0.0  |
| Tobacco and Alcohol                     | 143.3            | 143.0                            | 0.2  | 1.0  |
| All-Items Excluding Energy              | 121.8            | 122.1                            | -0.2                                       | 1.8  |
| Energy                                  | 143.6            | 143.1                            | 0.3  | 0.6  |
| <b>CANADA</b>                           |                  |                                  |  |  |
| All-Items                               | 121.5            | 121.6                            | -0.1                                       | 1.3  |
| Food                                    | 131.7            | 130.9                            | 0.6  | 2.1  |
| Shelter                                 | 127.2            | 127.0                            | 0.2  | 1.0  |
| Household Operations<br>and Furnishings | 113.0            | 113.1                            | -0.1                                       | 2.1  |
| Clothing and Footwear                   | 89.1             | 90.5                             | -1.5                                       | -0.7                                       |
| Transportation                          | 126.4            | 127.6                            | -0.9                                       | 1.1  |
| Health and Personal Care                | 118.5            | 118.9                            | -0.3                                       | 1.5  |
| Recreation, Education<br>and Reading    | 107.2            | 106.7                            | 0.5  | 0.4  |
| Tobacco and Alcohol                     | 137.6            | 137.5                            | 0.1  | 1.1  |
| All-Items Excluding Energy              | 118.7            | 118.8                            | -0.1                                       | 1.5  |
| Energy                                  | 156.0            | 155.7                            | 0.2  | -1.2                                       |
| <b>REGINA</b>                           |                  |                                  |  |  |
| All-Items                               | 124.6            | 124.7                            | -0.1                                       | 1.9  |
| <b>SASKATOON</b>                        |                  |                                  |  |  |
| All-Items                               | 124.4            | 124.6                            | -0.2                                       | 1.6  |

Note: These indices measure the percent change in consumer prices within each geographic area. The indices do not compare price levels between Saskatchewan, Canada, Regina or Saskatoon.

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PERCENT CHANGE  
CANADA AND PROVINCES**

|                      | <b>Percent<br/>Change</b>             |                                       |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
|                      | <u>June 2012<br/>to<br/>July 2012</u> | <u>July 2011<br/>to<br/>July 2012</u> |
| Canada               | -0.1                                  | 1.3                                   |
| Newfoundland         | 0.1                                   | 1.6                                   |
| Prince Edward Island | 0.0                                   | 1.5                                   |
| Nova Scotia          | -0.2                                  | 1.4                                   |
| New Brunswick        | -0.2                                  | 0.9                                   |
| Quebec               | -0.1                                  | 1.9                                   |
| Ontario              | -0.2                                  | 0.7                                   |
| Manitoba             | 0.0                                   | 1.8                                   |
| Saskatchewan         | -0.2                                  | 1.7                                   |
| Alberta              | -0.1                                  | 0.9                                   |
| British Columbia     | -0.3                                  | 1.1                                   |
| Whitehorse           | 0.1                                   | 2.3                                   |
| Yellowknife          | -0.2                                  | 1.9                                   |
| Iqaluit              | 0.0                                   | 2.5                                   |

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PERCENT CHANGE  
CANADIAN CITIES**

|                          | <b>Percent<br/>Change</b>             |                                       |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
|                          | <u>June 2012<br/>to<br/>July 2012</u> | <u>July 2011<br/>to<br/>July 2012</u> |
| St. John's               | 0.1                                   | 1.6                                   |
| Charlottetown-Summerside | 0.0                                   | 1.5                                   |
| Halifax                  | -0.2                                  | 1.2                                   |
| Saint John               | -0.2                                  | 0.8                                   |
| Quebec City              | 0.0                                   | 2.0                                   |
| Montreal                 | 0.0                                   | 1.9                                   |
| Ottawa                   | -0.1                                  | 0.7                                   |
| Toronto                  | -0.1                                  | 1.0                                   |
| Thunder Bay              | -0.3                                  | 0.1                                   |
| Winnipeg                 | -0.1                                  | 1.7                                   |
| Regina                   | -0.1                                  | 1.9                                   |
| Saskatoon                | -0.2                                  | 1.6                                   |
| Edmonton                 | -0.1                                  | 1.0                                   |
| Calgary                  | -0.1                                  | 0.7                                   |
| Vancouver                | -0.3                                  | 1.4                                   |
| Victoria                 | -0.3                                  | 1.0                                   |
| Whitehorse               | 0.1                                   | 2.3                                   |
| Yellowknife              | -0.2                                  | 1.9                                   |
| Iqaluit                  | 0.0                                   | 2.5                                   |

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